The Caledonian Mercury.

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From the Whitehall Evening-Poſt, July 30.

Conſul CHAMBERLAYN's *Memorial*, preſented to the Viceroy of Sicily on the 10th of June.

Moſt Excellent Lord,

William Chamberlayne, his Britannick Majeſty's Conſul-General in this Kingdom, and the Engliſh Merchants ſettled and reſiding in the City of Meſſina, do humbly repreſent, That they are informed the Royal Patrimonial Council, by Your Excellency's Directions, upon what Motives the *Memorialiſts* know not, are about to prohibite the Importation into this City and Kingdom of divers Sorts of Engliſh Woollen Manufactures, Stuffs, &c. That before ſuch a Reſolution paſs, they offer to Your Excellency's Conſideration, the Prejudice which would manifeſtly ariſe from it to the public Commerce, to the Income of the Royal Treaſury, and to the general Intereſt not only of his Imperial and Catholic Majeſty's Subjects, but likewiſe of Foreigners concerned in Traffique with this City: For this would be an Abolition of the Eſtabliſhment of the *Scala franca* or *Staple*, granted by the moſt Serene King Charles II. who engaged his Royal Word to permit the Importation hither of all Manner of Merchandices and Manufactures from what Part of the World ſoever; it would alſo be a direct Violation of the Treaty of Commerce concluded betwixt the moſt Serene Kings of Spain and England in the Year 1667, which was ratified by King Charles II. of bleſſed Memory, and confirmed by his preſent Imperial and Catholic Majeſty in 1709 at Barcelona; by which Treaty, entire Liberty was granted to the Subjects of Great Britain to import and bring into all the Territories of Spain all Sorts of Merchandice, Cloths, Manufactures, &c. of the Kingdom of England, there to ſell, barter, or otherwiſe convert and diſpoſe of the ſame; as will more fully appear to Your Excellency by the incloſed Copies of the Article of the *Scala franca*, and of the 7th Article of the aforeſaid Treaty, concluded and confirmed as above: Wherefore the *Memorialiſts* have judged it proper, by way of Prevention, to make Application to Your Excellency, a Prince zealous for Juſtice, and a Lover of the public Good, to induce you to ſuſpend ſo important a Reſolution, till, till ſome Deputy of theirs be permitted to lay before You the ſolid and weighty Reaſons they have to urge againſt this Novelty, which is not only prejudicial to the public Commerce, (the promoting whereof Your Excellency has ſo much at Heart) but to the general Intereſt of the Natives and Foreigners who are concerned in, and do contribute to, and carry on the Trade of this City and Kingdom, and alſo to the Royal Duties, which muſt inevitably diminiſh in Proportion as Commerce leſſens. But in Caſe your Excellency in your great Wiſdom ſhall determine otherwiſe, they beſeech you at leaſt to be pleaſed to give a ſufficient Time before ſuch Prohibition takes Place, becauſe the Memorialiſts under the Sanction of the publick Faith, relying on the Royal Promiſes, have ſome Time ago ſent Commiſſions to their Correſpondents in England, for large Quantities of ſuch ſeveral Sorts of Goods as they are uſed to provide every Year againſt the Fair in Auguſt, which by this Time are not only bought up, but actually embarked, and on the Way hither: To the End that within the Time limited, they may vend and diſpoſe of them. Upon which Conceſſion from your Excellency, as a juſt Prince, the *Memorialiſts* do ſecurely depend, &c.

Article of the Scala Franca *in the Year* 1695.

" 'Tis permitted to all, of what State or Nation " ſoever they be, (except the *French*, for ſo long " as the War with that Crown ſhall laſt) freely to " come into and go out of this City and its Port, " at their Pleaſures, without any Hinderance; To " exerciſe any Traffique or Commerce whatſoever; " To ſell, to buy, and to export any Merchandice, Goods, or other Thing whatſoever, &c.

The 7th Article of the Treaty of Commerce between the Courts of Spain & England *in the Year* 1667, *confirmed by his Imper. & Cath. Majeſty in* 1709.

" That it ſhall be lawful for the Subjects of the " King of Great Britain, to bring out, carry into " Spain, and all other Lands and Dominions be- " longing to the King of Spain, (where hereto-

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" fore they have uſed Trade and Commerce) and " there trade with all Kind of Merchandice, Cloths, " Manufactures and Things of the Kingdom of G. " Britain, &c. and the Manufactures, Goods, Fruits " and Kinds, of the Iſlands, Towns, and Planta- " tions to him belonging, &c.

All the Anſwer that has yet been returned to this *Memorial*, is, That the Orders from the Court of Vienna on this Affair being uncontrollable, the publiſhing thereof cannot be long deferred: And as for ſuch Sorts of Goods as are already on the Way, and are compromiſed in the ſaid Prohibition, they will be permitted into Porto Franco, there to remain unſold till further Directions from the Court of Vienna.

From the Evening Poſt, July 30.

Paris, July 26. We obſerved during the late Indiſpoſition of the King, tho' the Court was very induſtrious, in reporting that his Majeſty's Life was in no Danger, ſome Perſons were very buſy; and 'tis talked that ſeveral Diſpatched Expreſſes were ſent to Madrid, ſome were continually moving from Place to Place, about ſecret Practices, and Diffidence is plainly to be ſeen in the Countenance of many. Whileſt the Spaniards are ſending a great Number of Troops to Catalonia, ours are chiefly encreaſing towards Alſace, which Occaſions abundance of Speculation, among our Coffee-houſe Politicians.

Antwerp, Aug. 2. The Actions of our India Company fell lately 10 per Cent. firſt, becauſe part of the Cargo of the laſt Ship from Bengal, is damaged, and ſecondly becauſe of the approaching Acceſſion of the States General to the Treaty of Hanover; the aim of which, is the aboliſhing of the ſaid Company, either by Negociation or Force.

Rome, July 13. The Pretender din'd Yeſterday at Cardinal Gualtieri's, and afterwards had a long Conference with his Eminency and ſeveral Engliſh Gentlemen who came thither for that Purpoſe. Mean Time he has much leſſened his Houſhold, which occaſions various Speculations.

London, July 30. We hear Captain Purvis of the Durſley Galley, and Lord Vere, Commander of the Lyme, two of his Majeſty's Ships of War in the Mediterranean, have Orders to join Sir John Jennings at Gibralter.

They write from Dublin, July 23. That George Murray Eſq; was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of Brigadier Dormer's Regiment of Foot. Captain Cotterel is made Major in the Room of Mr. Murray, and Edward Southwell is made Captain.

From a Written Letter, July 30.

Letters from Paris of the third of Auguſt, ſay, That there is a Report that all the Engliſh coming from England, are forbidden on pain of being charged with High Treaſon, to ſee the late Biſhop of Rocheſter.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, Aug. 2.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from France.

THey write from Paris of the 7th Inſt. That the King has granted to Mr. Cherac, the D. of Orleans's Phyſitian, who aſſiſted at the Conſultation about his Majeſty's Sickneſs, the Title of Phyſician Extraordinary, with a Penſion of 6000 Livres. On the 3d Inſtant the Queen was taken ill, and the next Day her Fever increaſing ſhe was let Blood in the Foot. The ſame Day the Dutcheſs of Orleans was brought to Bed of a Princeſs; and the next Day died General Luxemburg, Lieutenant General of the King's Armies.

As to the Differences between the Courts of France and Spain, they are thought to be as good as accommodated, at leaſt, that if any does ſubſiſt between theſe two Crowns, they are of no Signification. Colonel Stanhope has all the Reſpect ſhown to him at the Court of Madrid ſutable to his High Character, and is daily in Conference with the Chief Miniſters of Spain. 'Tis ſurmiſed that ſome Umbrage is given to the Imperial Court, but however it be, 'tis certain they are diſappointed in their Deſigns of rendering the Vienna Treaty formidable to the Treaty of Hanover. Mean Time we are ſtill under ſome uncertainty with reſpect to the Acceſſion of Sweden to the Hanover Treaty; for notwithſtanding what has ſome Time ago been inſerted in the Foreign Prints, even by Way of Confirmation thereof, the Accounts by the laſt Holland Mail from Stockholm only tell us, That in a Conference which was held the 18th paſt, between the Swediſh Commiſſaries and the Miniſters of Great Britain, France, and Pruſſia, ſome Points were regulated, touching the Court of Sweden's Acceſſion to the aforeſaid Treaty; but that however, 'tis hoped the remaining Points will be adjuſted in the next Conference; while the Swedes ſeem very cautious of entering into any Meaſures as might incur the Reſentments of the Czarina, who is powerful and alſo a near Neighbour to them.

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The chief Expectation is now to hear what Sir John Jennings is to undertake, and the rather, since a Notion very much prevails, that he is to pay a Visit to Sicily, and even some Pretend to lay Wagers, that we shall assist the Spanish Forces now in Catalonia, to retake the foresaid important Island, and give this Reason for it, that the Spaniards begin to be very weary of the Engagements with the Emperor; and the Subjects of the British Nation no less averse against him for his Ingratitude, particularly in a late Instance of prohibiting their Manufactures being brought into Messina.

All possible Care is taken by the Government to preserve and increase the most formidable Navy in Europe, his Majesty's Ship, Lark, was launched this Day at Ulwich; and several others will be ready to Launch at Deptford, Ulwich and Portsmouth before Michaelmass next.

The 18 Greenland Ships already arrived are paid off, except the Dutch Men on board, and are unloading at the Wet Dock at Deptford, but will soon proceed, as we mentioned in our last to Norway &c. till the Season comes on for their Voyage to Greenland next Summer. There's no Talk as yet of any new Ships being to be added to their Number, the Stock of which Company is at 104 1 half, without the Dividend.

The Duke of Argile being sent for from Scotland to return to Court, gives Room to believe, that he will be appointed General of the Forces in South Britain.

Yesterday being the Anniversary of his Majesty's Accession to the Crown, the same was observed with the usual Rejoicings. A Remark is made, That not one of those called High Church Aldermen met the Lord Mayor Yesterday at St. Paul's.

Roger Sizer, Esq; who in K. William's Reign was Paymaster General to the Army abroad, is dead. His Estate falls to certain Ladies, one of whom is married to Mr. Mitchel, a Scots Gentleman, whose ingenious Writings have procured to him the Patronage and Protection of certain Great Men in the Ministry.

Four Ships are arrived from Jamaica, having on board 100,000 l. in Pieces of Eight, besides, Indigo, Cochineel, &c. on account of the S. S. Company.

From the St. James's Evening Post, Aug. 2.

London, Aug. 2. We hear that this Morning arrived an Express from Hanover, with an Account of the Death of Pr. Maximilian, Brother to his most Sacred Majesty K. George, who was a General in the Service of his Imperial Majesty.

A noted Tradesman in Fleetstreet is taken up on account of Sodomitical Practices.

From the Flying Post, Aug. 2.

Dantzick, July 24. The Fleets of G. Britain and Denmark are still at Anchor near Revel, waiting for the K. of G. Britain's Reply to the Czarina's Answer. 'Tis said Admiral Wager is not suffered to send a Sloop to Revel, but that the Russians themselves send what Provisions he wants to his Fleet.

Vienna, July 25. The Turkish Aga here has refused Visits from the Ministers of France and G. Britain; but has signified to all the others, even to the Nuncio, and to the Abp. of this City, That he will return their Visits when he has had Audience of the Emperor. 'Tis said he has a Commission to make offer of some Millions for the Restitution of Temiswaer.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Aug. 2.

Petersburg, July 12. The Emperor's Minister the Count de Rabutin, leaves no Stone unturned, to thwart the Negociations of Admiral Wager. What Answer the Empress has returned to this Minister's Remonstrances, we know not; but that an English Captain arrived here again t'other Day, with a Letter from Admiral Wager to Pr. Menzicof, and another from the K. of G. Britain to the Czarina, to whom the said Prince immediately delivered it. And he immediately set out for Revel, where, 'tis said, he is to confer with Admiral Wager on Affairs of the last Importance.

Vienna, July 20. We have received an Express from Madrid, with News, as 'tis said, That the K. of Spain has pardoned the Duke de Riperda for all that's past.

London, Aug. 2. Yesterday being the Anniversary of his Majesty's happy Accession to the Throne of his Ancestors, the same was celebrated with all possible Demonstrations of publick Joy: His Majesty thereupon received the Compliments of the Nobility and Foreign Ministers, and there was a numerous Court at Kensington; the Guns were fired at Whitehall and at the Tower; the new Sett of Bells at St. Martin's in the Fields, were rung out for the first Time; and the Royal Standart, 30 Foot long, and 14 Foot broad, was display'd on that Occasion: But the Wind being high, it was torn all to Pieces against the Steeple. The Artillery Company marched to pay their Compliments to the L. Mayor; the Silver Badge, given by the late Mr. Doggat, was rowed for by 6 young Watermen; and the Evening

ing concluded with Bonfires, &c, and Fireworks at the Royal Exchange.

Edinburgh, Aug. 8. On Friday last his Grace the Duke of Argyle came to Town from the West.

N. B. In our last, in ſtead of Prince William's Patent engroſſing as Duke of *Northumberland*, read *Cumberland*.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶¶¶ That FRANCIS ALLEN, of the Town of Berwick *Plummer*, who has (with Approbation) practiſed his Buſineſs now theſe 24 Years; propoſes to ſerve the Noblemen, Gentlemen, &c. of North-Britain, with *Plummer-work* of all Sorts whatſoever, at the following eaſy Rate, (being indeed no more than one Half of what is commonly charg'd for the reſpective Works) viz. Twopence halfpeny for every Stone of Sheet-Lead, for Caſting and Laying the ſame; as likewiſe all other Work, alſo in Propartion cheaper. Whoever inclines to employ him, may enquire at William Elder Stabler in Canongate-head.

N. B. If the Propoſer meets with tolerable Encouragement, he inclines to ſettle in any Place of Scotland.

Edinburgh, 25th July 1726.

By Order of the MAGISTRATES.

¶ That a GALLOWAY PLATE, given by the Town of Leith, value *L.* 25 *ſterl.* will be run for on the Sands of Leith on the *Seventeenth of September* next, by Galloways carrying Nine Stones Engliſh, including Whip, Saddle and Bridle; to run 3 Heats, four Miles each, or twice round the Sands.—— The Horſes are to ſtart betwixt the Hours of 10 & 11 before Noon. The other Conditions and Rules for running of this Plate, are the ſame with thoſe for running the City of Edinburgh's Plate; with this Difference, That each Perſon ſhall at Booking pay only One Guinea.

¶¶¶ That the KING's PLATE, value 100 Guineas, will be run for on the Sands of Leith the *Nineteenth of September* next, by any Horſe, Mare or Gelding carrying Eleven Stones Engliſh, allowing Whip, Saddle and Bridle to be Part thereof; to run Three Heats four Miles, or twice round the Sands.—— The Horſes to ſtart betwixt 11 & 12 in the Forenoon —— No Joſtling or Croſſing to be allowed; and all Diſputes are to be determined by the Lord Provoſt and Magiſtrates, who are to be with the Flags at the Starting and Diſtance-poſts.—— The Diſtance-poſt is to be Tenſcore Yards from the Starting-poſt.—— The Rider, after each Heat, is to take off his Saddle himſelf, and carry it with him the Moment he diſmounts to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing a Pound for Waſte. Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat, for Rubbing.—— If three ſingle Horſes gains each of them a Heat, the Horſe that gains the laſt Heat, gets the Plate: Or, if any Horſe gains the firſt two Heats, he gets the Plate.—— If any Horſe, Mare or Gelding runs on the wrong *Side* of any of the Poſts, or runs down any of them, they are to run back the ſame Way, and run right, or be adjudged as diſtanced.—— If the Water comes in upon the Courſe, the Poſts are to be brought in during Rubbing, at the Direction of the Judges.—— The Flag at the Starting-poſt to be drope the Moment the firſt Horſe's Head is ſeen to be paſt it, at the End of each Heat. And in caſe, by the Sea's not going far enough out, the Sands ſhould allow but a ſhort Courſe, it ſhall be in the Power of the Judges, any Time before the Race, to appoint each Heat to be run thrice round the Sands.—— The Flag at the Diſtance-poſt to be drop at the ſame Time with that at the Starting poſt; and all the Horſes that are not ſeen to be paſt the Diſtance-poſt at that Time, are adjudged as diſtanced, and have no Right to run again.

¶ The *Silver Plate* given by the Town of Edinburgh, to the Value of 50 *L.* Sterling, will be run for on the Sands of Leith, on the 20th of *September* next, by any Horſe Mare or Gelding, carrying ten *Stone* Engliſh Weight, allowing Whip, *Saddle*, and Bridle, to run three Heats, each Heat being four Miles, or twice round the *Sands*.—— The Horſes are to ſtart betwixt Twelve and One Mid-day. No Joſtling or Croſſing to be allowed, and all Diſputes are to be determined by the Lord Provoſt, and Magiſtrates, who are to be with the Flags, at the Starting and Diſtance Poſts.—— The Diſtance Poſt is to be ten ſcore Yards from the Starting Poſt.—— The Rider after each Heat is to take off his *Saddle* himſelf, and to carry it with him that Moment he diſmounts, to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing one *Pound* for Waſte.—— Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat for Rubbing.—— If three ſingle Horſes gains each of them a Heat, the Horſe that gains the laſt Heat gets the *Plate*, or if any Horſe gains the firſt two Heats, gets the *Plate*.—— If any Horſe or Gelding runs on the wrong *Side* of any of the *Poſts*, or runs down any of them, they are to run back the ſame Way, and turn right, or elſe they are adjudged as diſtanced.—— If the Water comes in upon the Courſe, the *Poſts* are to be brought in during the Time of Rubbing, at the Directions of the Judges.—— The Flag at the Starting *Poſt* to be dropt the Moment the firſt *Horſes* Head is ſeen to be paſt it, at the End of each Heat; and in caſe by the Seas not going far enough out, the Sands ſhould allow but a ſhort Courſe, it ſhall be in the *Power* of the Judges, any Time before the Race, to appoint each Heat to be run thrice round the Sands.—— That the Horſes which are to run for this Plate, being three at leaſt, muſt be at Leith eight *Days* before the Days of the Race, and be booked fourty eight Hours before running, and to pay two Guineas each at Booking.

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The Author of this Paper, thinks fit to intimate to the Noblemen, Gentlemen, &c. who are furniſhed with the ſame; That the firſt Quarter of the 7th Year, ended the 25th of July paſt 1726. Therefore he expects they will pay up the old Arrears, with this current Quarter, as they would be ſerved with the ſame for the future.